Western Addition Branch Library

**Branch Facts**
- **Style:** Modern
- **Area:** 8,000 sq. ft.
- **Architects:** Appleton & Wolfard, 1966
  - BOA Library Design Studio, 2008

The Western Addition Branch Library originally opened on June 27, 1966 at the west end of Hamilton Square. Owing to the history of its neighborhood, it houses a Japanese collection of more than 16,000 items, the largest public library collection of its kind in Northern California. The branch was renovated in the Branch Library Improvement Program and reopened in 2008.

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**Green Report Card**

**How Green is Your Library?**

**Sustainable Sites**
- Location is Everything
  - Close to public transportation
  - Preservation of existing building shell

**Water Efficiency**
- Saving Resources
  - Drought-tolerant landscaping

**Energy and Atmosphere**
- **Light & Air**
  - High efficiency building insulation
  - Reflective “cool roof”
  - High efficiency windows
  - Natural ventilation with operable windows
  - Extensive natural lighting
  - High efficiency boiler, radiant heating system and lighting fixtures
  - Daylight harvesting lighting control system

**Materials and Resources**
- **Renew & Reuse**
  - Comprehensive recycling and diversion plan for waste
  - Natural linoleum made from renewable, non-toxic resources

**Indoor Environmental Quality**
- **Breathe Deeply**
  - Low-**VOC** paints, adhesives and sealants

**Innovation and Design Process**
- **Fresh Ideas**
  - Pest management that minimizes health and environmental risks
  - Green cleaning with environmentally sound products and practices

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San Francisco Public Libraries are being designed, renovated and constructed to meet sustainable building standards.

**Volatile Organic Compound**